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**PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c) TO
REINSTATE PATENT EXPIRED FOR DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE**

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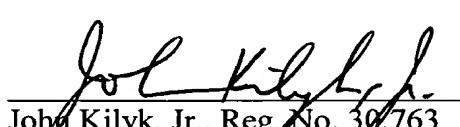
Applicants petition to reinstate this patent pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c) and submit the appropriate fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(i)(2). The entire delay in paying the required maintenance fee from the due date for the required maintenance fee until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c) was unintentional.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate maintenance and petition fees pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(i)(2), as well as any additional fees associated with this communication, and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.

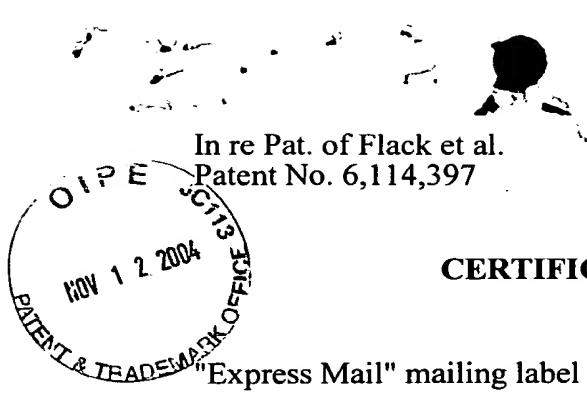
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